Alberta Population Report

December 21, 2005 — Third Quarter, 2005

Population Estimates

The Alberta population growth continues to be the highest among the provinces. As of October 1, 2005, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,281,296. This represents a yearly increase of approximately 65,400 persons (or 2% growth) since October 1, 2004. British Columbia and Ontario had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.32 and 1.09% respectively.

The following table provides the October 1 population estimates and growth rates for Canada and Alberta since 2001.

TABLE 1: **NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, OCTOBER 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
April 1	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
2001	31,135,823		3,075,186	
2002	31,468,449	1.07%	3,128,945	1.75%
2003	31,761,823	0.93%	3,171,735	1.37%
2004	32,069,999	0.97%	3,215,869	1.39%
2005	32,378,122	0.96%	3,281,296	2.03%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for October 1, 2005 for all provinces and territories are presented in Table 2 below. The annual population growth rates between October 1, 2004 and 2005 are also included.

Migration

During the third quarter of 2005 (July 1 to September 30), Alberta had the largest interprovincial migration gain in the country. According to Statistics Canada, the Province of Alberta received 7,200 more interprovincial in-migrants in the third quarter as compared to the second. The substantial increase in the number of in-migrants from other provinces and territories was the main reason that Alberta had the high interprovincial migration gain of 13,100 people in the third quarter (Please see note at the end of Table 3 on the next page.)

As shown in Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the third quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

Natural Increase

Alberta gained 6,100 people in natural increase (births minus deaths) in the third quarter. The province had 10,900 births versus 4,800 deaths between July 1 and September 30, 2005.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF OCT 1, 2005 & YEARLY GROWTH RATES SINCE OCT 1, 2004**

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	515,591	138,278	938,116	751,726	7,616,645	12,589,823	1,178,109	992,995	3,281,296	4,271,210	31,235	42,965	30,133
Growth Rate	-0.29%	0.37%	0.08%	0.08%	0.67%	1.09%	0.40%	0.24%	2.03%	1.32%	1.44%	0.02%	1.64%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3: **ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS, JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2005**

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	57	381	239	85	1,257	71	25	1,569	121	0	26	8
Prince Edward I.	13	0	201	125	91	294	20	4	181	89	0	7	0
Nova Scotia	483	232	0	984	280	2,185	121	73	1,571	566	44	74	0
New Brunswick	299	170	1,032	0	851	1,441	135	61	1,283	310	0	18	0
Quebec	37	0	370	830	0	5,939	136	169	1,423	961	59	14	4
Ontario	1,481	278	2,268	1,585	5,908	0	1,588	813	7,359	5,250	77	107	100
Manitoba	30	31	126	158	176	1,876	0	963	2,815	1,370	12	5	41
Saskatchewan	12	0	52	46	124	871	732	0	4,718	1,197	23	30	0
Alberta	674	125	625	450	777	3,250	1,059	2,397	0	7,133	71	211	0
British Columbia	95	80	580	161	927	3,597	649	695	8,473	0	262	82	0
Yukon Territory	0	6	0	0	25	38	16	0	171	135	0	0	0
Northwest Terr.	32	0	16	0	0	163	24	70	289	143	29	0	0
Nunavut Terr.	27	0	0	0	23	13	15	36	30	0	0	21	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	3,183	979	5,651	4,578	9,267	20,924	4,566	5,306	29,882	17,275	577	595	153
Out Migration	3,839	1,025	6,613	5,600	9,942	26,814	7,603	7,805	16,772	15,601	391	766	165
Net Migration	-656	-46	-962	-1,022	-675	-5,890	-3,037	-2,499	13,110	1,674	186	-171	-12

Source: Statistics Canada

Note to Users:

The third quarter interprovincial migration figure to Alberta is seen as an anomaly. This issue has been discussed with Statistics Canada and can be traced to administrative files used in the calculation of interprovincial migration estimates. Users are cautioned that third quarter figures may be adjusted in future releases.

Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net temporary emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration
2001									
Jan-Mar	12,964	8,471	**4,493**	3,831	1,031	601	405	**2,604**	**7,097**
Apr-Jun	16,533	11,103	**5,430**	4,436	1,311	665	782	**3,242**	**8,672**
Jul-Sep	25,737	16,805	**8,932**	4,578	2,111	1,030	1,038	**2,475**	**11,407**
Oct-Dec	15,261	9,502	**5,759**	3,548	904	650	503	**2,497**	**8,256**
Total	*70,495*	*45,881*	***24,614***	*16,393*	*5,356*	*2,946*	*2,728*	***10,819***	***35,433***
2002									
Jan-Mar	16,033	10,241	**5,792**	3,931	715	592	403	**3,027**	**8,819**
Apr-Jun	18,584	12,832	**5,752**	4,601	943	663	824	**3,819**	**9,571**
Jul-Sep	22,290	18,185	**4,105**	3,090	1,673	992	788	**1,213**	**5,318**
Oct-Dec	12,121	9,887	**2,234**	3,130	838	680	296	**1,908**	**4,142**
Total	*69,028*	*51,145*	***17,883***	*14,752*	*4,169*	*2,927*	*2,311*	***9,967***	***27,850***
2003									
Jan-Mar	14,036	11,453	**2,583**	3,102	634	603	374	**2,239**	**4,822**
Apr-Jun	16,180	13,199	**2,981**	4,297	779	658	524	**3,384**	**6,365**
Jul-Sep	18,554	15,549	**3,005**	4,576	1,738	1,004	788	**2,622**	**5,627**
Oct-Dec	10,715	9,030	**1,685**	3,864	847	677	296	**2,636**	**4,321**
Total	*59,485*	*49,231*	***10,254***	*15,839*	*3,998*	*2,942*	*1,982*	***10,881***	***21,135***
2004									
Jan-Mar	13,869	10,671	**3,198**	4,073	637	600	374	**3,210**	**6,408**
Apr-Jun	17,684	14,966	**2,718**	4,606	784	654	523	**3,691**	**6,409**
Jul-Sep	18,510	16,882	**1,628**	4,521	1,761	1,006	788	**2,542**	**4,170**
Oct-Dec	13,123	9,674	**3,449**	3,274	854	677	296	**2,039**	**5,488**
Total	*63,186*	*52,193*	***10,993***	*16,474*	*4,036*	*2,937*	*1,981*	***11,482***	***22,475***
2005									
Jan-Mar	16,386	11,443	**4,943**	4,357	640	599	374	**3,492**	**8,435**
Apr-Jun	22,711	16,116	**6,595**	5,201	788	652	523	**4,284**	**10,879**
Jul-Sep	29,882	16,772	**13,110**	5,594	1,776	1,006	788	**3,600**	**16,710**
Oct-Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	*68,979*	*44,331*	***24,648***	*15,152*	*3,204*	*2,257*	*1,685*	***11,376***	***36,024***

Source: Statistics Canada

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